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## AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 15, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Petition to Extend Time to respond for a period of three-months up to and including October 15, 2003 with the required fee.